

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1 1. (Original) A mounting apparatus for releasably securing
2 an accessory to a support, comprising:
3 a fabric strap having a fabric strap first hook portion,
4 a fabric strap second hook portion, a fabric strap
5 first loop portion, a fabric strap second loop
6 portion, a fabric strap buckle engagement portion,
7 and a fabric strap buckle; and
8 a mounting having a first end and a second end base
9 defining a slot receiving the fabric strap
10 therethrough and having a mounting base first
11 curved portion at said first end, a mounting base
12 second curved surface at said second end, a
13 mounting base left slot opening and a mounting base
14 right slot opening whereby said fabric strap is
15 adapted to cinch the support and accessory.
- 1 2. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to claim 1,
2 wherein the mounting base first curved portion is formed
3 on a first end of the mounting base between a mounting
4 base first curved portion left side and a mounting base
5 first curved portion right side.
- 1 3. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to claim 2,
2 wherein the mounting base second curved surface is formed
3 on a second end of the mounting base between a mounting
4 base first curved surface left side and a mounting base
5 first curved surface right side.

1 4. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to claim 3,
2 wherein the left slot opening is adapted to receive the
3 fabric strap there through, and the right slot opening is
4 adapted to receive the fabric strap there through.

1 5. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to claim 4,
2 said fabric strap having a left end, a right end, a top
3 and a bottom, wherein the fabric strap first hook portion
4 is disposed at the bottom left end of the fabric strap
5 and functions to releasably engage the fabric strap first
6 loop portion.

1 6. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to claim 5,
2 the fabric strap further including a fabric strap first
3 portion and a fabric strap second portion, wherein the
4 fabric strap first strap portion is disposed at the top
5 left end of the fabric strap and functions to support the
6 fabric strap.

1 7. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to claim 6,
2 wherein the fabric strap second hook portion is disposed
3 adjacent the fabric strap first strap portion and
4 functions to releasably engage the fabric strap second
5 hook portion.

1 8. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to claim 7,
2 wherein the fabric strap first loop portion is disposed
3 adjacent the fabric strap first hook portion and
4 functions to releasably engage the fabric strap first
5 hook portion.

1 9. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to claim 8,
2 wherein the fabric strap second loop portion is disposed
3 adjacent the fabric strap second hook portion at the top
4 right end of the fabric strap and functions to releasably
5 engage the fabric strap second hook portion.

1 10. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to claim 9,
2 wherein the fabric strap second strap portion is disposed
3 adjacent the fabric strap first loop portion at the
4 bottom right end of the fabric strap and functions to
5 support the fabric strap.

1 11. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to claim 10,
2 wherein the fabric strap buckle engagement portion is
3 disposed adjacent the fabric strap second loop portion
4 and the fabric strap second strap portion at the right
5 end of the fabric strap, and functions to secure the
6 fabric strap buckle to the fabric strap.

1 12. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to claim 11,
2 wherein the fabric strap buckle is secured to the fabric
3 strap buckle engagement portion and functions to
4 facilitate the securing of the fabric strap.

1 13. (Original) A mounting apparatus according to claim 4,
2 wherein the mounting base is flexible so as to allow the
3 mounting base to deform.

1 14. (Original) A mounting apparatus according to claim 13,
2 wherein the mounting base is constructed of material
3 having a shore-A-hardness of 40-85.

1 15. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to claim 1,
2 wherein the mounting base first curved portion has an
3 arcuate surface adapted to engage a surface of a support
4 or accessory.

1 16. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to claim 15,
2 wherein the mounting base second curved surface has an
3 arcuate surface adapted to engage a surface of a support
4 or accessory.

17. (Original) A method of releasably securing an accessory to a bar member, comprising the steps of:

providing a mounting base having: a fabric strap first hook portion, a fabric strap first strap portion, a fabric strap second hook portion, a fabric strap first loop portion, a fabric strap second loop portion, a fabric strap second strap portion, a fabric strap buckle engagement portion, and a fabric strap buckle, a mounting base defining a slot receiving the fabric strap there through and having a mounting base first curved portion, a mounting base second curved surface, a mounting base left slot opening and a mounting base right slot opening;

placing the mounting base first curved portion into contact with the bar member;

placing the mounting base second curved surface into contact with the accessory;

placing at least the fabric strap first hook portion through the fabric strap buckle to form a first loop encircling the bar member therein;

placing at least the fabric strap first hook portion through the fabric strap buckle a second time to form a second loop encircling the accessory therein; and

engaging at least the fabric strap first hook portion with the fabric strap first loop portion securing the accessory to the bar member.

1 18. (Original) The method as described in claim 17, further
2 comprising the step of selecting a water bottle as the
3 accessory.

1 19. (Original) The method as described in claim 17, further
2 comprising the step of selecting a bicycle pump as the
3 accessory.

1 20. (Original) The method as described in claim 17, further
2 comprising the step of selecting a bicycle cross bar as
3 the bar member.

Claims 21-29 (Previously Cancelled)

1 30. (Currently Amended) A method of releasably securing at
2 least two objects to a mounting base, comprising the
3 steps of:
4 providing a mounting base having a first end and a second
5 end, a mounting base slot for receiving a cinching
6 member there through and having a mounting base
7 first curved portion at said first end, a mounting
8 base second curved ~~surface~~ portion at said second
9 end, a mounting base ~~left~~ first slot opening and a
10 mounting base ~~right~~ second slot opening whereby
11 said cinching member is adapted to slide through
12 said slot and secure first and second objects at
13 said mounting base first and second curved
14 portions, respectively;
15 sliding a said cinching member through the slot;

16 placing the mounting base first and second curved
17 portions into contact with first and second
18 objects, respectively;
19 forming a first loop with the cinching member around the
20 first object and a second loop with the cinching
21 member around the second object; and
22 tightening the cinching member to secure the first and
23 second objects at said mounting base first and
24 second curved portions, respectively.

1 31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of forming
2 a first loop with the cinching member around the first
3 object and a second loop with the cinching member around
4 the second object includes the steps of:
5 wrapping the cinching member around the first object;
6 passing the cinching member through a first ring in a
7 buckle attached to a first end of the cinching
8 member;
9 wrapping the cinching member around the first object;
10 wrapping the cinching member around the second object;
11 and
12 passing the cinching member through a second ring in the
13 buckle attached to the first end of the cinching
14 member.

1 32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of
2 tightening the cinching member to secure the first and
3 second objects further includes pressing a hook patch on
4 the cinching member adjacent a second end of the cinching
5 member against a loop patch on the cinching member
6 adjacent the hook patch.

1 33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the step of
2 tightening the cinching member to secure the first and
3 second objects further includes pressing a second hook
4 patch on the cinching member against a second loop patch
5 on the cinching member adjacent the second hook patch
6 after passing the cinching member through the first ring
7 in the buckle.

1 34. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of
2 providing a mounting base further includes providing the
3 mounting space having a single slot through said mounting
4 base.

1 35. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of placing
2 the mounting base first and second curved portions into
3 contact with first and second objects, respectively,
4 includes attaching a bicycle accessory to a tube on a
5 bicycle.